

be filled in a timely manner with well-qualified candidates.

Sec. 2. Plan. The presidential plan announced on October 30, 2002, calls for timely consideration of judicial nominees, with the President submitting a nomination to fill a vacancy in United States courts of appeals and district courts within 180 days after the President receives notice of a vacancy or intended retirement, absent extraordinary circumstances.

Sec. 3. Responsibilities. The Counsel to the President shall take all appropriate steps to ensure that the President is in a position to make timely nominations for judicial vacancies consistent with this plan. All Federal departments and agencies shall assist, as requested and permitted by law, in the implementation of this order.

Sec. 4. Reservation of Authority. Nothing in this order shall be construed to affect the authority of the President to fill vacancies under clause 3 of section 2 of article II of the Constitution.

Sec. 5. Judicial Review. This order is intended only to improve the internal management of the Federal Government and is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by a party against the United States, its departments, agencies, instrumentalities or entities, its officers or employees, or any other person.

George W. Bush

The White House,
May 9, 2003.

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Letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives Transmitting Supplemental Budget Requests *May 9, 2003*

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I ask the Congress to consider the enclosed amendments to the Administration's FY 2004 budget submission for the Depart-

ments of Agriculture, Energy, Housing and Urban Development, the Interior, Justice, Labor, and Transportation; the Office of Personnel Management; and the Farm Credit Administration. I also ask the Congress to consider the enclosed proposals for the Department of the Interior and the Social Security Administration.

This transmittal also contains FY 2004 budget amendments for the Legislative Branch. Appropriations requests of the Legislative Branch are historically transmitted without change.

Further, in accordance with provisions of Public Law 108-11, the FY 2003 Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act, I hereby request and make available \$280.0 million for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) of the Department of Homeland Security. Consistent with the Act, TSA would utilize these resources solely for expenses incurred to hire, train, and deploy initial passenger screeners.

The details of this proposal are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

George W. Bush

NOTE: An original was not available for verification of the content of this letter.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

May 3

In the morning, at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Prime Minister John Howard of Australia.

May 5

In the morning, the President traveled to Little Rock, AR. While en route aboard Air

Force One, he had an intelligence briefing. He also had a telephone conversation with President Ahmet Necdet Sezer of Turkey to extend his condolences for victims of the recent earthquake in Turkey's Bingol Province.

Later in the morning, in the Robinson Center, the President participated in a roundtable discussion with small-business owners and employees.

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC. Later, he met with NATO Secretary General Lord Robertson to discuss NATO's role in Afghanistan and the future of NATO.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain to the White House on May 7 for a meeting and working dinner.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Amir Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani of Qatar to the White House on May 8.

The President announced his intention to appoint Ronald J. James as Chief Human Capital Officer at the Department of Homeland Security.

May 6

In the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings. Later, he met with Secretary of State Colin L. Powell.

In the afternoon, the President met with Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong of Singapore in the Oval Office.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen of Denmark to Washington, DC, on May 8.

The President announced his appointment of L. Paul Bremer III as Presidential Envoy to Iraq.

The President declared a major disaster in Kansas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding on May 4 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Missouri and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding on May 4 and continuing.

May 7

In the morning, the President had breakfast with Speaker of the House of Representatives J. Dennis Hastert, House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, and Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle to discuss domestic and foreign policy. He then had intelligence and FBI briefings.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with President Jose Maria Aznar of Spain to discuss the situation in Iraq and peace efforts in the Middle East.

In the evening, the President had dinner with President Aznar in the Old Family Dining Room.

The President announced his intention to nominate James G. Roche to be Secretary of the Army.

The President announced his intention to nominate Colin R. McMillan to be Secretary of the Navy.

May 8

In the morning, the President had a breakfast meeting with Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen of Denmark in the President's private dining room. The two then met in the Oval Office to discuss the war on terror, the situation in Iraq, European-U.S. relations, and peace efforts in the Middle East.

Later in the morning, the President had intelligence and FBI briefings.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch with Amir Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani of Qatar, following their meeting in the Oval Office.

Later in the afternoon, in the Roosevelt Room, the President met with the Foreign Ministers of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia to discuss the recent extension of NATO membership to these countries.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo of the Philippines to the White House for a state visit on May 19.

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will welcome Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi of Japan to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, on May 22–23.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Information Technology Advisory Committee: Marc Benioff (Co-Chair); Edward D. Lazowska (Co-Chair); Ruzena Bajcsy; J. Carter Beese, Jr.; Pedro Celis; Bernard Daines; Patricia Evans; Manuel Fernandez; Luis Fiallo; Jose Marie Griffiths; William J. Hannigan; Jonathan C. Javitt; Judith L. Klavans; F. Thomson Leighton; Harold Mortazavian; Randy D. Mott; Peter M. Neupert; Eli M. Noam; David A. Patterson; Alice G. Quintanilla; Daniel A. Reed; Eugene H. Spafford; David H. Staelin; Peter S. Tippet, and Geoffrey Yang.

The President declared a major disaster in Tennessee and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding on May 4 and continuing.

May 9

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Columbia, SC. Later, he traveled to Santa Fe, NM, where and Mrs. Bush, who joined him in Santa Fe, stayed at the home of family friend Roland Betts.

The White House announced that the President has invited Prime Minister Ariel Sharon of Israel to visit him in Washington, DC, on May 20.

The President announced his intention to appoint Ronald G. Bellamy and Carlos M. de Cespedes as members of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation: Julia A. King (historic preservation expert), Timothy Pawlenty (Governor), and Ann A. Pritzlaff (historic preservation expert).

The President announced his intention to appoint James E. Geringer as U.S. Representative to the Western Interstate Nuclear Board.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted May 6

Morgan Edwards, of North Carolina, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2005, vice Mary Ellen R. Fise, term expired.

Howard Radzely, of Maryland, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor, vice Eugene Scalia.

Submitted May 7

Richard W. Erdman, of Maryland, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria.

Submitted May 8

Michael W. Mosman, of Oregon, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Oregon, vice Robert E. Jones, retired.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.
